

'Minutes of the Annual Water Users meeting , Milford Valley Distribution System, February 9, 1995.

The annual water user's meeting for the Milford Valley Distribution System was called to order by Chairman James Mayer, February 9, 1995 at 3:15 p.m. In the Railroad Clubhouse . There were 16 water user's present, 1 water commissioner, Rob Adams and Larry Sower from Circle Four Farms, 5 Division of Water Rights Representatives and Nick Swain.

Minutes of the 1994 meeting was read by Secretary Kristen Mayer. Three corrections was made and Arlan Mayer made a motion to accept the minutes with Gary Sullivan second the motion and all were in favor.

Financial report was given by Lee Sim. Balance of Distribution Trust Funds, January 1, 1994, \$4,614.58; Total receipts, \$3,120.01; Expenditures, \$6,067.71; Balance of Distribution Trusts Funds December 31, 1994, \$1,666.88. Jerry Mayer made a motion to accept the financial report , Keith James second the motion, and all were in favor.

Commissioner Richard Jefferson gave the Commissioner's report. 98% of water user's were in compliance with the pitot tube and meter readings. Two dozen valves were not the right size and had to be changed. He stated that there were two water user's that has no meter's or valves on their wells. There was 2400 acre feet of water that was over pumped.

Several Water User's had comments on the water summary that was handed out. Many corrections were made. Alan Wood wanted to know who he could notify to change the Titles on the wells. Lee suggested to notify Kerry Carpenter and also the State Engineer.

Commissioner's report will stand as given.

James stated that the Water Committee met in January and the Committee thought it would be a good idea that every well had a valve on it so it could be read with the pitot tube if the meter breaks down and that every reading will cost \$25.00. They suggest that if the Water User didn't want to put the valve on that they would hire a person to drill it for them and they would pay him \$15.00 for each valve that is put on.

The board also talked about an assessment for readings of wells on Circle Four Farms. They decided to assess them double since they have to be read all year. Larry Sowers commented that there is two pumps and meters that will be set up at the well site so Commissioner won't have to go to every hog house. He also stated that they will be using a lot less water than they intended. He said there will be ground that will not be farmed.

James then asked if anyone wanted to nominate a Water Commissioner for 1995. He said the Water Committee has nominated Nick Swain. Lyle Wiseman nominated Richard Jefferson but he denied. Jerry Mayer 2nd the motion for Nick Swain as Commissioner, all in favor.

A computer will be set up for the Commissioner to record all of his readings. There is no cost for the computer just \$10.00 maintenance.

Budget was then set for 1995. Commissioner; salary, 2,270.00; social security, \$208.00; telephone calls; \$50.00; 29 cents a mile for travel. Bonding Expense; \$50.00; Health and Life Insurance Premiums; \$50.00; Secretarial Expense; \$25.00 a meeting; Committee Expense; \$2000.00; Equipment Expense; \$2000.00; Miscellaneous Expense; \$200.00; 1995 Budget \$6078.00; 1995 System Assessment; \$4500.00. Jerry Mayer made a motion to accept the budget for 1995, Tim Marshall 2nd, all in favor.

Russell Albrecht then asked if Milford Water User's wanted to be involved with Rocky Ford protesting any well's being drilled in the Eastern Valley? Jerry Mayer suggested to write a letter to the State asking how they got river water transferred to well's? Kerry Carpenter stated that water from the river has not been transferred to well's. It was decided what Beaver Valley needs is a Commissioner that can regulate ground water and make sure each well has a meter on it. Lee Sim suggest that letter's from individuals as well as group's need to be sent to the State for any enforcement to be made. Coy Williams asked what is the date that they can start to water. Lee said it depended on the well. But usually from March 15th to April 15th.

Chairman James Mayer suggested that there needs to be five members on the Water Board. He suggest to nominate someone from Minersville. It will be a rotating board and they will serve for five years. Tim Marshall nominated Shaun Pearson, it was seconded by Russell Albrecht and all were in favor.

Keith James made a motion to buy a modem and soft wear for the computer for \$300.00, Russell Albrecht 2nd the motion and all were in favor.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

On February 28th at 7:30 p.m. Milford Valley Distribution Water Committee met at the home of Chairman James Mayer to write a letter to the State about water being pumped in the Beaver Valley.

Water Committee members present were Shaun Pearson, Russell Mayer, Gary Sullivan, and Keith James wasn't able to attend.

James told the board that Nick Swain has resigned. They decided to ask Jerry Mayer.

The board decided that if the meter is not working on wells that the Commissioner should go ahead and take a reading with the pitot tube and assess the Water User \$25.00.

Water Committee also wants the State to send out a letter to every Water User stating that the Valley have been over pumped in previous years and to try to conserve water.

A letter was sent to State Engineer, Robert Morgan, Lee Sim, and Kerry Carpenter.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m.